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Basically, our group serves three purposes:

I. A support group for the University's lesbian and gay population. All lesbian, gay and supportive students are free to get involved with our group in whatever capacity they wish. Our meetings are open to ALL, regardless of their sexual orientation. We try to help those in need by making referrals to professionals when necessary, or by lending a sympathetic ear to those who are just "coming out".

II. Social: We have a number of purely social activities, where people can get to know their peers better - these activities include monthly coffeehouses, wine and cheese parties, and dances. We try to provide a good atmosphere for networking or just socializing in a non-homophobic space.

III. Educational: We have a substantial resource library in our office including the latest information on gay and lesbian health concerns, political publications as well as fiction and non-fiction by lesbian and gay authors. We strive to help end homophobia by educating and sensitizing the community (inside and outside the University) to our concerns and needs, thus contributing to creating a better environment for all to live in. Whenever warranted, we take a political stand in response to serious issues that affect us, as well as in solidarity with other groups (including women's and ethnic groups). We do this, for example, by sending our comments to newspaper editors and by publishing our own articles whenever possible.

We generally work in a collective manner, where all active members contribute in the decision making process. At the moment we have five core members, plus another five who are away for the summer. Based on the recent increase in participation and demand for our services by gays and lesbians in the University, as well as in the anglophone community of Montreal, we expect a large number of new members this year.

Our meetings average 20+ people, our coffeehouses 60+, and our dances upwards of 300.

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